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THE PHOENIX FORCE WAS FRAGMENTED, ITS POWER INHABITING FIVE PROMINENT X-MEN: CYCLOPS, EMMA FROST, COLOSSUS, MAGIK AND NAMOR. TOGETHER THEY USED THE PHOENIX TO HELP BRING PEACE TO HUMAN AND MUTANTKIND. BUT THE ALL-CONSUMING NATURE OF THE PHOENIX FORCE STARTED TO CORRUPT THEM.

THE AVENGERS TURNED TO HOPE SUMMERS, THE INTENDED HOST FOR THE PHOENIX FORCE. IN THE SAFE HAVEN OF K'UN LUN THE AVENGERS TRAINED HOPE IN THE BELIEF THAT SHE WAS THE KEY TO BRINGING AN END TO THE PHOENIX FORCE.

THE AVENGERS STOPPED THREE OF THE PHOENIX FIVE, BUT DEFEAT ONLY TRANSFERRED THEIR POWER TO CYCLOPS AND EMMA. CYCLOPS RIPPED APART DIMENSIONS TO FIND K'UN LUN AND TAKE HOPE FROM THE AVENGERS, BUT HOPE USED HER NEWLY REALIZED POWER TO PUNCH CYCLOPS TO THE MOON.

MAGNETO, WITNESSING THE PHOENIX FORCE'S DANGEROUS EFFECT ON THE X-MEN, REACHED OUT TO HIS FORMER NEMESIS AND POSSIBLY THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD SAVE THE WORLD FROM DESTRUCTION: PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER.

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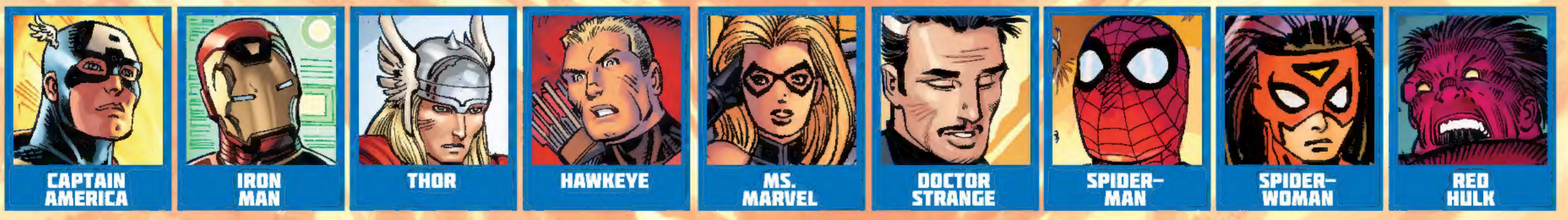

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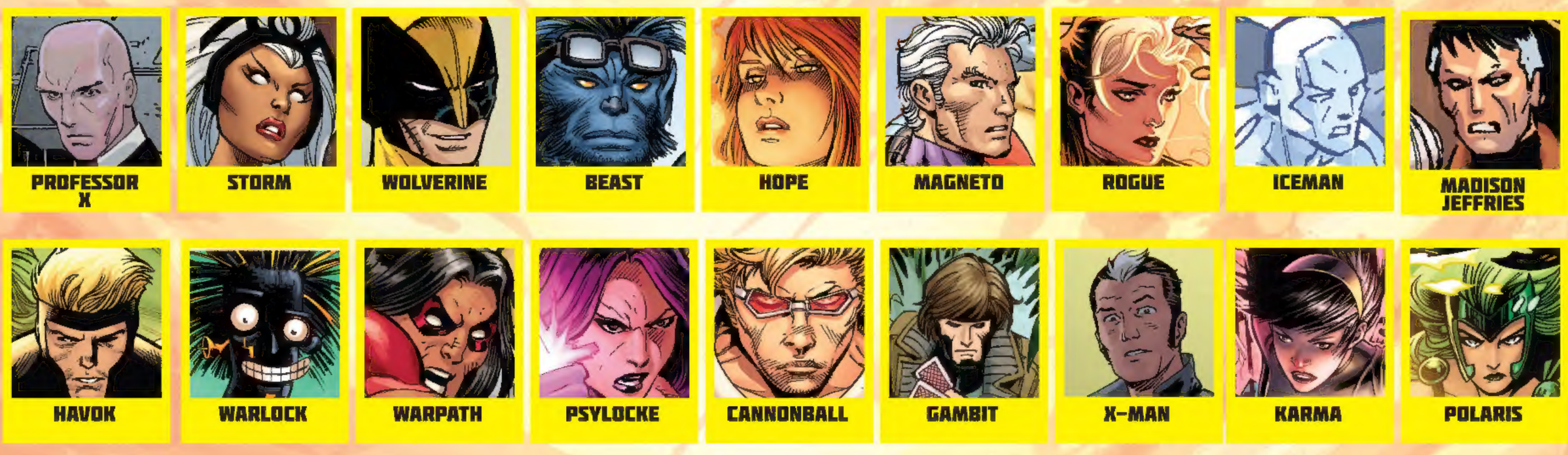

X-MEN

I'M SORRY TO COME TO YOU LIKE THIS.

YOU KNOW I RESPECT YOU AND YOUR SPACE AND I WOULD NEVER COME TO YOU UNLESS I WAS AT THE END OF MY ROPE.

AND I *AM* AT THE END OF MY ROPE.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW--WE'VE BEEN AT WAR WITH THE X-MEN OVER--NO, WE'VE BEEN AT WAR WITH ***SCOTT SUMMERS***, CYCLOPS...

THEY--***HE*** HAS A COSMIC POWER CALLED THE PHOENIX FORCE AND WE JUST ***CANNOT*** WIN THE FIGHT IN FRONT OF US.

WE CAN'T WIN IT.

EVERYTHING KEEPS ESCALATING--I'M WORRIED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT.

I'M WORRIED THAT THE POWER THEY ARE HOLDING IS MORE THAN THEY CAN HANDLE.

IN FACT, I ***KNOW*** IT IS. WE ***ALL*** DO.

EVERYONE SEEMS TO KNOW IT BUT SCOTT SUMMERS.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY AREN'T ABLE TO HANDLE IT ANY LONGER?

SO I NEED ***MORE*** THAN I HAVE.

I NEED MORE ***FIREPOWER.***

SO I'M COMING TO EVERYONE. I'M COMING TO YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU FEEL ABOUT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON WITH THE X-MEN, BUT I WAS HOPING THAT WITH ***OUR HISTORY*** TOGETHER--

I WAS HOPING YOU WOULD JOIN US.

I KNOW YOU--I KNOW YOU ONLY FIGHT A FIGHT WORTH FIGHTING.

AND I'M TELLING YOU ***THIS*** IS ONE OF THOSE FIGHTS.

IF WE LOSE THIS WE LOSE EVERYTHING.

WILL YOU HELP US?

PLEASE.

YES.

HULK WILL SMASH FOR YOU.

WISCONSIN.

HELLO.

YOU KNOW ME AS ROGUE OF THE X-MEN.

AH COME HERE FOR ASYLUM.

IT WAS A HUGE MISTAKE FOLLOWING CYCLOPS AND THE OTHERS.

HE'S NEVER LED US WRONG BEFORE, THERE'S LOYALTY, Y'SEE...

Y'ALL WERE RIGHT.

COMPLETELY, TERRIBLY RIGHT.

MADISON JEFFRIES TRACKED Y'ALL HERE.

HE WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW THE-- HE SAID THE STARK TECH SIGNATURE PATTERN OR SOME SUCH THING.

BUT IT BROUGHT ME TO YA. I'M HERE TO HELP. IN ANY WAY Y'ALL WANT.

ANY WAY.

BUT PLEASE-- PLEASE, WE GOTTA RIGHT THIS WRONG.

I CAN PROMISE YOU, ROGUE.

NO ONE HERE IS GOING TO TRY TO SUBDUE OR HURT YOU.

YOUR THOUGHTS CANNOT LIE, SO I KNOW YOUR WORDS ARE TRUE.

PROFESSOR XAVIER!

YOU'RE HERE!

TELL THE OTHERS.

THEY HAVE MY WORD.

THIS IS SAFE HARBOR.

OTHERS?

XAVIER, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

I CAN READ THEIR THOUGHTS, STARK, EACH AND EVERY ONE.

AND THEY HAVE WHAT WE NEED.

NUMBERS.

PASSION.

PROFESSOR, LOOK IN MY MIND. I WANT YOU TO SEE WHAT I HAVE SEEN AND FEEL WHAT I FEEL.

I KNOW SCOTT IS LIKE A SON TO YOU AND HE WAS LIKE A BROTHER TO ME.

I HAVE, ICEMAN.

I LOVE HIM.

AND I LOVE YOU.

I LOVE ALL OF YOU.

I KNOW YOU DO.

AND I'M TELLING YOU... IT'S TIME.

I KNOW.

UTOPIA.
FLOATING HOME OF THE X-MEN.

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, SCOTT SUMMERS.

STOP POKING AROUND IN MY HEAD, EMMA.

IT ANNOYS ME.

I'M NOT.

BUT I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING: THERE WERE FIVE OF US. FIVE PHOENIXES.

AND EACH OF US SHARED THE PHOENIX FORCE.

AND NOW THERE ARE TWO.

EVERY ONE OF US THAT FALLS, THE OTHERS GAIN POWER.

NOW IT'S JUST US. IT'S JUST YOU AND ME SPLITTING THE PHOENIX.

AND YOU'RE THINKING: IF I COULD ONLY GET THE REST OF THE PHOENIX FORCE FROM EMMA, THEN I'D BE THE PHOENIX.

NO.

BUT, CLEARLY, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.

NO, DARLING, TO BE HONEST, REALLY HONEST...

I'M THINKING THAT IT WOULD BE SO MUCH EASIER TO BURN THIS WORLD DOWN AND START FROM SCRATCH.

AND EVERY TIME I CLOSE MY EYES...I SEE IT.

I SEE IT SO CLEARLY.

AND I JUST FEEL SO...

I SEE IT TOO.

WE CAN DO IT, YOU KNOW?

WE HAVE THE POWER TO REMAKE THE WORLD THE WAY IT WAS ALWAYS SUPPOSED TO BE.

WE HAVE THE POWER.

IF NOT US, WHO?

THIS IS HOW THINGS LIKE THIS ARE DONE.

HE WHO HOLDS THE POWER...

STOP IT.

IF IT WAS CAPTAIN AMERICA OR WOLVERINE OR XAVIER WHO HELD THIS POWER...WE WOULD HAVE ALREADY CEASED TO EXIST.

THEY WOULD HAVE--

STOP!

THEY WOULD HAVE BURNED US TO THE--

EMMA, STOP!

TELL ME I'M WRONG.

GET AWAY FROM ME.

YOU WANT TO KILL ME AND BURN ME.

AND ALL I'VE EVER DONE...IS LOVE YOU.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU, EMMA?

I--I DON'T KNOW.

WAIT!

DO YOU FEEL THAT?

WHAT?

STAY HERE.

WHAT IS IT?

IT'S OVER, SCOTT.

I WARNED YOU IF YOU CONTINUED DOWN THIS PATH I WAS GOING TO STOP YOU.

YOU NEED HELP AND I *WILL* HELP YOU.

I WILL HELP YOU IN ANY WAY I CAN.

HOW *DARE* YOU, CHARLES!

I'M NOT HERE TO ARGUE AND I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT. I'M HERE TO HELP.

ADMIT YOU *NEED* IT AND THIS WILL ALL GO IN A--

THE EGO ON YOU.

I FINALLY PUT THE WORLD THE WAY IT'S *SUPPOSED* TO BE.

I DID IT. *ME.* AND IT *KILLS* YOU.

YOU SIT AS JUDGE AND JURY OF THE HUMAN RACE EVEN THOUGH I SPECIFICALLY TAUGHT YOU PATIENCE AND--

NO! YOU SAT IN THAT CHAIR OF YOURS FOR YEARS *AND DID NOTHING!*

AND INSTEAD OF PRAISING ME FOR MY BOLD VISION; INSTEAD OF *THANKING* ME FOR SAVING OUR PEOPLE...

YOU COME HERE AND *THREATEN* ME?

SHAME ON YOU.

I TOLD YOU...I'M NOT GOING TO ARGUE WITH YOU.

I'M SHUTTING YOU DOWN.

YOU DON'T HAVE THE POWER.

I DO, SCOTT.

YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME DO THIS?

YOU'RE GOING TO *FORCE MY HAND* AGAINST YOU?!

I'M NOT FORCING YOU TO DO--

I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU RUIN WHAT I'VE CREATED.

I'M ASHAMED OF YOU.

YOU THINK YOU KNOW ME.

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT WE'RE INSIDE YOUR MIND.

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THE FINAL BATTLE IS ALREADY BEING WON.

WHAT ARE YOU--? NO!

SCOTT, I LOVE YOU, AND I PROMISE, I WILL GET YOU HELP.

GET OUT OF MY HEAD!

KEEP THE FIGHT ON *SUMMERS AND FROST!*

DON'T LET UP! NOT FOR A SECOND! KEEP IT CONTAINED AND FOCUSED!

KEEP THEM OFF-GAME SO XAVIER CAN REGAIN CONTROL AND SHUT IT DOWN.

ENOUGH!

SIT *DOWN,* BOY!

AGH!

I *ASKED* YOU, I *BEGGED* YOU AND NOW I'M *MAKING* YOU!

STOP THIS MADNESS!

SCOTT!

EMMA...

SOMETHING I'VE *ALWAYS* WANTED TO SAY TO YOU...

KRAKRA

BOOM

HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO US, XAVIER?!

YOU'VE BETRAYED YOUR PEOPLE!

YOU'VE BETRAYED ALL OF US!

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AAGH!

YOU'RE FORCING ME TO DO SOMETHING I DON'T WANT TO DO, CHARLES!

NO!

AAGGH!

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU MUTANTS?

WE'RE DOING THIS FOR YOU!

AGH!

OW!

FABOOM

AIEAA!

CHOOM!

STAY DOWN, SCOTT!

I MEAN IT!

IF YOU COULD HAVE STOPPED ME, YOU WOULD HAVE!

DEAR LORD.

LAST CHANCE, CHARLES.

MAGNETO?

YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE IT THIS FAR, SCOTT.

I BROUGHT XAVIER HERE!

YOU.

LISTEN TO ME, SCOTT--

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

THEY'RE HERE TO KILL US!

SCOTT, LISTEN...

YOU OF ALL PEOPLE.

WHAT GOOD ARE YOU?

FATHER!

GET AWAY FROM HIM!

FATHER...

NOW...

CHUCK

NICE SHOT, HAWKEYE.

HE'S GOING TO KILL ME.

PROBABLY, BUT STILL.

YOU SEE THAT, XAVIER? THEY'RE TRYING TO ASSASSINATE US!!

THIS IS WHO YOU SIDE WITH!

CRAAM

NOT US, *YOU!*

IT'S JUST *YOU* EVERYONE IS SICK OF.

DAMN YOU, SUMMERS!

WE'RE DONE HERE, SCOTT.

I BLAME MYSELF.

I PUT YOU ON THIS PATH.

WHEN YOU WAKE, HOPEFULLY YOU WON'T HAVE ANY--

I TOLD YOU TO GET OUT OF MY HEAD.

AAGGHH!

SCOTT SUMMERS, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR CRIMES AGAINST--

SHUT UP.

STAY DOWN, SCOTT.

I BEG YOU.

I DON'T.

I'M SORRY, EMMA.

AAGHH!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU.

FUMP

WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING?

OH, NO...

DON'T--

SKABLAMM

HE'S KILLING HER.

NO.

HE'S TAKING HER HALF OF THE POWER.

HE'S TAKING THE PHOENIX FORCE FOR HIMSELF.

SCOTT...

LOOK AROUND YOU.

I'M BEGGING YOU, SON, STOP THIS NOW.

YOU ARE NOT MY FATHER.

THAT IS ENOUGH!

IT IS.

NOOOO!

WHY?

WHY DID YOU MAKE ME DO THIS?

WHY COULDN'T YOU LEAVE IT ALONE?

THROW ME.

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW, CAPTAIN?!

I WILL STOP THIS!

NO. IT'S TOO LATE...

THIS IS--

THIS IS WHAT JEAN FELT LIKE...

OH, NO...

AGH! WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

IT'S OUR WORST NIGHTMARE.

IT'S HAPPENING.

I AM FIRE AND LIFE INCARNATE! NOW AND FOREVER--

I AM PHOENIX

"HE'S DARK PHOENIX!"

TO BE CONCLUDED...

COMING NEXT

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